



Fall Fun at St. Mary's Center for Women and Children

St. Mary's Center for Women and Children, located on Jones Hill in Dorchester, is a multi-service organization offering innovative, family-centered programs for women and children experiencing homelessness. Each year, over 500 women, children, and families receive the critical, wraparound support services they need to reach a place of stability and, ultimately, self-sufficiency.

An important aspect to helping St. Mary's Center families feel welcome, comforted, and supported during their time living at the Center are community events that bring the entire campus together.

On October 26, 2022 we're thrilled to host our popular, annual **Trunk or Treat** event.

Our youngest residents will have the opportunity to dress up in costume and "trick or treat" on St. Mary's Center's campus while enjoying food, drinks, music, and festive fun to celebrate Halloween.

We would love the community's help in providing our young residents with new costumes to participate in this beloved St. Mary's Center tradition. We are accepting costumes of all sizes!

We also welcome any community members who wish to decorate their car trunks and pass out candy to our residents on the 26th to join us! Please reach out for more detail.

If you are interested in supporting, please email donations@stmaryscen-terma.org or call 617-436-8600 ex. 319 to speak to a member of our team.

Change comes from the Center



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Dorchester, MA 02125

A year overdue, Morton Street highway project is wrapping up

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NEWS EDITOR

More than one year after the project was supposed to conclude, the Morton Street state highway project has finally wrapped up. The work, small by state standards on a \$2.5 million budget, was meant to address pedestrian safety issues like sidewalks, crosswalks, new curbing, and other amenities.

Though it started on time in 2020, the project, which runs along Morton Street from Blue Hill Avenue to Harvard Street, lingered month after month in 2021 and 2022 and the worksite was often left in shambles.

State Rep. Russell Holmes said the project had its beginning in 2011 when the group New England United for Justice rallied on Morton Street calling for upgrades and a road safety audit. When construction kicked off two years ago, he thought a community-led upgrade would soon blossom, but that didn't turn out to be the case.

"I was initially told this would be completed on July 4, 2021 — more than one year ago," he said. "Then we were told

it was going to be 2022, and then it was going to be July 4, 2022, and into September, it was still lingering."

A Massachusetts Department of Transportation spokesperson said the delays were due to three main issues, including the state contractor encountering unforeseen underground obstructions. That slowed down electrical and drainage installation because of an unmarked conduit, duct banks, and rock ledge.

Another delay came when they discovered underground railroad tracks on Blue Hill Avenue, and that necessitated remediation for asbestos. Finally, the milling and paving contractor's schedule changed several times.

City Councillor Brian Worrall, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan, agreed with Holmes that the project took too long.

"When improving walkability and increasing access to transportation, our state agencies should be operating with urgency in our neighborhood given the fact that we have one of the highest car-traffic regions and highest transit

ridership," he said. "Increasing walkability is a quality-of-life issue and has dragged on for too long in our community. I look forward to seeing this project completed and continuing the discussion to improve urgency for future projects in District 4."

Said Holmes: "It was a project small in scale, but large because it sits in the largest Black community in the state," he said. "It just didn't have the project management and other resources allocated to it."

Mattapan Notebook
•Join the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) for the 2022 inaugural yard sale at the Mildred Avenue Community School on Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be in the school parking lot and will be hosted by GMNC staff and members. If you're trying to downsize, get rid of clutter, learn more about the neighborhood, or grab some bargains, make sure to attend. Those wishing to register

Taylor Elementary is in the running for EdVestors 'School on the Move' award

The EdVestors non-profit school improvement organization announced last week that Mattapan's Charles H. Taylor Elementary School is one of three finalists citywide for the annual 'School on the Move' award. The other two are the William E. Channing Elementary School in Hyde Park and the Gardner Pilot Academy in Allston.

Now in its 17th year, the 'School on the Move' award comes with a \$100,000 prize and highlights notable school-wide improvement efforts happening in the schools. The other two schools will receive \$10,000 each.

The winner will be announced on Wed., Oct. 26, at the Westin Copley Hotel, where business, civic, philanthropic, and education leaders will gather to give notice to the finalists and the winner. EdVestors will highlight how these three schools adapted their programming to meet the unique challenges their communities faced and accelerated learning during the Covid pandemic.

The Taylor pairs welcoming warmth with high expectations for their 298 students, three-quarters of whom are Black, EdVestors said. Teachers continually improve instruction through peer feedback, data-informed planning, and implementing curriculum with fidelity. The school focuses on encouraging academic conversation between students, particularly for students learning English in the school's Haitian Creole-specific programs.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU22D1513DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
BATHSALDA M. HORTON
vs.
ANGEL S. HORTON
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Bathsald M. Horton, 136 Seaver St., Apt. 413, Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before 11/22/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 22, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: October 13, 2022

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jessica Malcolm - Restricted Information - your answer, if any, on or before 12/12/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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